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Of the

Commonhead State of Iowa.

V the tumors are supposed to be the ex-
-tremities of the hæmorrhoidal veins over-
-spread by the causes whi

Of the Hemorrhoidal state of fever.

Dr Fullen includes this disease among the hemorrhages, but I see no more propriety for doing so, than for considering pneumony & hepatitis as hemorrhages, for both are followed ~~by~~ more ~~than~~ by an effusion of blood. It is true it is a local disease, but it often ~~attended with~~ the effect of morbid excitement in the whole Arterial System, and when it is local, it seldom fails of bringing the whole System into Sympathy, ~~or~~ that is into general fever. +

The Symptoms of this state of fever are, " a heaviness, or pain in the head, giddiness, pain in the loins, weakness of the knees, quick pulse, ~~&~~ pain

It is sometimes attended with
V ~~abso~~ Dysury - priapism - ~~gleet~~, and
an itching of the glans penis.

It is sometimes a ~~local~~ disease, and
exists ~~without~~ bringing the whole system
into ~~Sympathy~~.

The discharge of blood is known to be
from the ~~hemorrhoidal~~ vessels when it
precedes the discharge of feces.

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About the Rectum, with, or without ex-
-ternal Swelling, & sometimes followed by
effusion of Serum or blood." when without
ex ternal Swelling, the Disease is called "blind piles".
When Tumor alone Hæmorrhois cæca. —
This disease affects Adults chiefly &
Women more than men, but it has been
Observed in Children During the period of
dentition. I have Once seen it induce Dysury
& Gonorrhea twice in a Goat in this city. Pati
Miller & Richd Evans - the Last from New Hamshire 1805

Its Causes are
and predisposing
1 Costiveness, 2 Acrid purges especially Aloes. +
3 The habitual Use of Bitters. 4 Hard riding, or
a long walk, or travelling on foot.
5 A Sedantary life - hence Women are most
Subject to it. 6 Gout, Hepatic Congestions. In-
-deed they are often a symptom of them. Pregnancy.
Remedies are divided into two Clapes
I such as proper in a Paroxysm & II in its intervals. In the
I These should be Bleeding, general & local.

The former is indicated by the Symptoms

but they frequently have little holes in them
which discharge blood or lemm especially when in
going to stool. The ~~bleeding piles are often~~
~~usually there~~ so The hemorrhage is generally
from the piles within the bowels & and Dr
Portal says Often from an artery that near a
vein.

of general disease which have been mentioned. Local Bleeding should be effected by Leaches, or a puncture of a lancet. I have seen the loss of but six drops of blood by a lancet give great relief in this disease. I had two cases of Hæmorrhoidal fever in the year 1800. To the first - Jno Stille - I was called on the 3d day. I bled him three times, but an abscess followed which confined him 3 months & which finally required an Operation to cure it. To the 2nd (the Coachman of ~~the~~ President Adams) I was called on the day of his attack. I drew 300 of blood from at 12 bleedings, & thereby cured him in two or three weeks, so as to resume his seat upon his masters car-
-riage.

The 2nd Remedy - is lenient purges. Sulphur has been preferred for this purpose. ~~Not~~

+ Hildebrand says the cold water is still more useful when injected by way of Glysters. Bibli: Vol: I

V Liquid Lond: of sweet oil on Cotton.

Glysters should likewise 4 be used to open the
bowels. They should never be exced 3, or
4 Ounces. A Diarrhoea sometimes attends
which makes these remedies unnecessary.

3 A Constant horizontal posture.

4 mild - ~~vegetables~~ & liquid Aliment ~~that~~ that affords little
or no faces.

5 Certain applications to the part affected.
The first & best of these is Cold water. It abates
pain & tension, & after depletion, often per-
-forms a Cure. + Poultices of bread & milk, or
of Bread, ℥vj and the pulp of Apples ℥iij with a
little lead water give great relief. ^ After the
disease is in part subdued, or when it is of
a moderate nature, the following Applications
have been found useful. 1. Warm Water.
thrown on hot Coals.
2 molasses. 3 The smoke of leather received
into a close stool. An old shoe will
answer this purpose. 4 An Ointment

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V To Alleviate a return of it when it is

periodical, the remedies should be

1 Exercise 2 Cold Bath - both local &

general. 3 Occasional bleeding. 4 by

gentle laxatives as to prevent Costive-

=ness and 5 Liquid food whi

made of equal parts of tar & hogs lard. 5 The
Stramonium Ointment — how made.
6 An Ointment Composed of Ung Stram:
or hogs lard ℥ss Sac: Sat: Pulv: gal: & Opii ā ℈i
mix his well to die. 7 White Lead ℥i Linseed
Oil ℥ss: to make it into an Ointment.
8 A Tobacco leaf. It is highly commended
by the Indians of our Country. 9 taxis, or
pressing the pile between the fingers.
~~7~~ The disease is an important one
& should never be treated with neglect.
When left to itself it usually terminates
in the following manner.
1 In Discharging, or troublesome bleeding
Piles.
2 Suppuration in the hæmorrhoidal
Vessels, and a discharge of pus from them.
3 Inflammation & Ulceration of the Rec-
-tum — called Fistula in Ano.

or Chronic piles without
4 Small indurated tumors. which appear
pain.
to be the extremities of the hæmorrhoidal
vessels. they are internal, & external.
when internal, they produce difficult stools,
head Ache, & even pulmonary Consump:
as in Mrs Montfords case. they are only to be
removed by ligatures. 5 Prolapsus ani.
6 Modification. All these distressing
consequences of this state of fæces are the
effect of neglect in a patient, or of ignorance
in a physician. They may all be prevented
by V.S. & other
by the Remedies I have recommended. Re:
member the more remote the inflamed
part is from the great Circulation, the
more copious should be the depletion
by the Lancet. Always carry in your mind
the Unity of Disease, & of Course the Unity

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of fever wherever it is situated, & you cannot fail of treating this disease with the same success that you do the most common disease in any other part of the body. Twill be children in medicine ~~coats~~ ~~jiskable their hearded coats~~ & value themselves upon their dexterity in being able to count an hundred Cents, and ~~o o o o~~ please themselves by jingling them in their hands & pockets, recollect that you carry the same sum in a more simple, & safe form of a single dollar

II "The prophylaxis of this disease is 1 Lenient purges. 2 vegetable & liquid diet. wheat & Indian meal of each equal parts - ~~Water Cold water~~ 3 frequent Ablutions of the arms with cold water,

V 4 The cold Bath to the whole body, for
it often arises from general debility.
5 Uterine bleeding, and 6 constant
exercise. It is best in a carriage. It is
indeed by long walks and by riding on
horseback.

Dr Dunnin forbids the use of ~~to~~ papers after going to Stool, & advises the use of a Sponge ~~to~~ dipped in water. I have never heard whether the Mohamidans are much afflicted with this disease, but I have heard they are from circumcision & Religion in the habit of a Custom which is calculated to prevent it, — that is, never leaving a privy, or close stool without washing the ~~Arse~~ the extremity of the Rectum with cold water. & avoiding all its exciting Causes formerly enumerated. V

You will recollect here the diseases in which I said formerly it was unsafe to restrain the bleeding piles without substituting bleeding from some

Other parts of the body. Dyspnœa, Hæmor-
=rhages from the lungs & nose, apoplexy
Palsy - visceral obstructions have all
been induced by from the want of the
habitual Evs of blood from the hæmor-
=rhoidal Vessels. —